

Culpeper County Child Care

Kid Central 2003

Road Trip Hawaii

“ALOHA”

CATCH THE WAVE

Location:

A. G. Richardson Elementary School
(With shuttle service available for Emerald Hill Campers)

Dates:

Registration begins April 15, 2003
Camp Runs June 16 through August 22

Times:

6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.
Camp Activities 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
Wrap Around Childcare 6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. / 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Activities Include:

Swimming, Skating, Sports, Art, Drama, 4-H Clubs, Karate, Kids Get Fit, Music, Science Fridays, School and Town Library, Theme Activities, Crafts and Camp Games.



Session Trips Include:

Kings Dominion
VA. Beach Boardwalk & Marine Museum
Riverside Luncheon Theater
Splash Down Water Park
Putt-Putt
Lake Anna Beach
Fredericksburg Cinemas
Chuck-E Cheese
Jellystone Park



Sessions Available:

#1.....June 16-June 27 (Must register & pre-pay *before* May 2)
#2.....June 30-July 11 (Must register & pre-pay by June 16)
#3.....July 14-July 25 (Must register & pre-pay by June 30)
#4.....July 28-August 8 (Must register & pre-pay by July 14)
#5.....August 11-August 22 (Must register & pre-pay by July 28)

Contact for more information:

Kid Central Office.....829-2124 or 727-0391
1401 Old Fredericksburg Road
Culpeper, VA. 22701
www.kidcentralculpeperva.com

Culpeper County’s Employee of the Month Program

Month of January
Nicki Taylor
Finance Department

Month of February
Rhonda Ford
Criminal Justice Services

Month of March
Catherine Jackson
Buildings & Grounds

Culpeper County has established a program to honor employees that have thrived in achievements of character, performance, and teamwork. With this program an employee may only be nominated by their own peers who feel they deserved to be recognized for their hard work and dedication. Once nominated, the Employee Action Committee, composed of eleven elected representatives, decides who will receive this award.

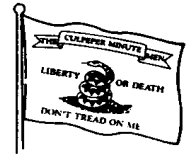
The individual that is selected each month will be given a certificate and pin, a paid day off, and a reserved parking space for one month. Their name will be featured on the Wall of Fame located at the County Administration building and they may also have a current photograph mounted, if they choose.

Employees honored for 2003 are: January- Nicki Taylor, Finance Department; February—Rhonda Ford, Criminal Justice Services; March—Catherine Jackson, Buildings and Grounds

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Office of Town Manager
J. Brannon Godfrey, Jr.



This is the first entry by the Town in this quarterly, the *Culpeper Minutes*. The Town plans to use this medium in future issues to provide general information about Town government, as well as feature articles on municipal services and operations.

This spring has brought about several important changes in the life of Town government. First, after a long history of convenient and high-quality legal advice, Bob Yeaman, Angela Barlow and the firm of Button, Yeaman & Associates retired from service as the Town Attorney. Council solicited proposals and interviewed several law firms and hired Bob Bendall and the firm of Smith & Davenport (Manassas, VA) as the new Town Attorney.

In March, Council member Laura La Flair resigned from Council. Since her election in 2000, she made insightful and valuable contributions to our discourse on important policy issues. We will miss her participation. By the time you read this, Council will have appointed a new member to fill the vacant Council seat until the election in May 2004.

We also converted our garbage collection program in the early Spring, changing the twice-weekly collection of bags, cans, and all manner of containers to a once-a-week collection of uniform, 95-gallon roll-out containers. Like all changes, the new system took a little bit of getting used to, but now we have a cleaner, more efficient collection system that enables us to serve the recent growth without having to add more staff and expensive trucks.

Later this summer, the Town Office will relocate to 400 South Main Street. The building at 118 West Davis Street served us well for 75 years, but could no longer provide much-needed space, and it also restricted staff efficiency and customer convenience. The “new” Town Office has plenty of space (19,000 sq. ft.), modern construction and operating systems, and will be more convenient for citizens.

In July we will embark on a new fiscal year. Even though property assessments have increased this year, your Council is working to develop a FY04 Budget that rolls the tax rate back from 13¢ to 10¢. Since 1999, Council has worked hard to reduce the rate from 21¢ while still providing high-quality services.

Please contact us with any questions, concerns or issues you may have.

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The Town of Culpeper

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The Town Council is composed of nine residents from the Town, including the mayor. Each represents the Town, rather than a particular district. Council members are elected in even calendar years for a term of four years. The Mayor runs for that office and is elected for a term of four years.

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One Council Seat is vacant.

Council meets
the 2nd Tuesday
of each month
6:00 p.m. Closed Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
In the Board Room at
302 North Main Street

TV coverage is provided by
Channel 21

Agendas are available prior to
Council Meetings on the Town
Web site at www.culpeper.to

Starting a New Business by Carl B. Sachs, Director, Culpeper Department of Economic Development

So you want to start a business and want to know if you need a license. Hold on a minute. You need to know that starting a new business is a very complex and risky venture. The fact that most of the small businesses that are created fail within three years, should give you pause to make sure you are doing the right thing. Remember, you are likely to invest a significant amount of your time and money, and probably other people's money, in starting this business. If it doesn't turn out as profitable as you originally thought or, worse yet, you can't make ends meet, you will probably lose most of your investment, and all your efforts will be for nothing. For certain people, business failure means personal and financial devastation. Don't let it happen to you! You might be good at a certain hobby or have a business idea you think can't fail. Everyone who tries to start a new business believes they will be successful, but most do not succeed.

Nevertheless, this is America – the land of opportunity and promise. Each year new businesses are started and succeed. If you have done your homework, have realistic expectations, understand how a business operates and are willing to put in a lot of effort, you stand a better chance of being successful. After all, many of today's most successful businesses started in a home garage or basement.

While there is no magic formula that guarantees success, there are a few basics that, if ignored, will guarantee failure. This is not a cookbook on how to start a business, just some fundamental issues that you must address.

Business Plan: If you don't have one, don't even think about starting a business. Traditionally, business plans are used to convince investors to loan you money. More than that, I think the business plan should be used to convince yourself that you should invest your time and money in this business. The content of a business plan is extensive, and there is no room here to be elaborate. It is sufficient to say that the business plan must specifically answer any and every question you, or anyone else, may have about your new business including: (1) what is the business about, (2) how is it going to be financed, (3) by whom and how is it going to be operated and (4) why is it going to be successful. Good information about starting a business, preparing a business plan, as well as other business programs and issues, is

available from the following sources:

**Small Business Development Center
located at the Lord Fairfax
Community College (540) 351-1595,
Germanna Community College
(540) 727-3073 and
Small Business Administration,
Richmond, VA (800) 771-2400**

Grants and Free Money: Forget it! Unless you have a rich aunt or uncle, there are no sources of grants to start a new business. The government assistance you hear about is generally for large established businesses that employ large numbers of people and generate significant taxes. The most accessible sources of assistance are in the form of lower interest loans, or for job training, but the business usually needs to be in manufacturing. Once your new business is established and you need additional capital to expand, you could be a candidate for government assistance.

Financing: Banks will loan money to start a new businesses. But banks view startup businesses as very risky. A Business Plan is a must, along with detailed projections on profit and loss, a strong personal credit history and some demonstrated business, management or product knowledge. Because banks see startups as risky, they will want you to participate in that risk. They are likely to ask for personal guarantees, including a lien on your property. Many banks have business development departments that will offer you help. It's a good idea to start with the bank where you have a personal history. Venture capital is also a source of funding. The problem with venture capitalists is that if your business becomes successful, they usually have the right to buy it from you at a pre-agreed price. Going back to that rich aunt or uncle, a sizable number of new business startups are funded from money that is begged or borrowed from family and friends. The caution here is that if you can't pay them back, you might not be friends for very long, or be invited again for Thanksgiving dinner.

Location, Location, Location: Some types of businesses don't need a high profile or highly visible location. This is especially true if your business relies only on the telephone or Internet for customers. For other types of business, a well-traveled, highly visible location is essential. Unfortunately, the really good locations are hard to find, and the ones that exist tend to be very expensive. Your location needs to be fully analyzed as part of your Business Plan. While we're on the subject of location, there is another matter that requires your utmost atten-

tion – **ZONING.** Every community has some sort of zoning regulations. Zoning provides for an orderly and efficient layout of commercial, residential, institutional and open space uses. Before you settle on a location, you must make sure that the zoning of that location is compatible with your intended use. You can get this information through the Planning Offices. **For property in the Town of Culpeper, the Planning Office is located in the Town Hall at 118 W. Davis St. (540) 727-3426. For property outside the Town, but in the County of Culpeper, the Planning Office is located in the County Administration Building at 302 N. Main St. (540) 727-3404.**

Don't make any assumptions about zoning. Just because a building looks like a business location, it might not be useable by you for your business. There are also rules about businesses at your home. While we're still on the subject of location, there is at least one other item you must check out if you are looking at an existing building to buy or rent. The Building Department will want to inspect your building to make sure it is safe and sound, specifically for your intended use. In Culpeper, for both the Town and County, the Building Department is located in the County Administration Building at 302 N. Main St. (540) 727-3405. Do not ignore the Zoning or Building Department. They can offer you a lot of help learned through years of experience, and they can make sure you don't violate their rules.

Food : If your business has to do with food preparation or service of any kind, you will also need inspection and approval by the County Department of Health at 640 Laurel St. (540) 829-7350.

Business Licenses: Ok, I haven't scared you away, and you still want to know if you need a business license. You will need a business license to open and operate a business in the Town of Culpeper. **Business Licenses can be obtained through the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall 118 W. Davis St. (540) 727-3422.** As part of the process of obtaining a business license, zoning and building inspection compliance will be required. If your business is located in Culpeper County, but outside the Town of Culpeper, no business license is required. All of the zoning, building inspection and health requirements, however, still apply. Good Luck.

Culpeper County Library



Summer Reading Program 2003 - Wolfin' Down Books

Excitement prevails for the upcoming **Summer Reading Program** at the Culpeper County Library. "Wolfin' Down Books" is the theme this year. Hence we will launch the summer's festivities on Tuesday, June 17 with a special program "The True Story of a Wolf" by biologist Mindy Frost. In this program children will be introduced to the fascinating lives of wolves, listen to wolf calls, get their "paws" on some cool wolf artifacts, and even make a plaster cast of a wolf track. Three performances are scheduled that day--at 10:30, 2:30, and 7:00.

We look forward to children of all ages participating in the **Summer Reading Program**. They can sign up beginning Monday, **June 16**. There are incentives as children reach milestones for the number of books they read. The first is to "adopt" a book of their choice, which will then be added to the library's collection with the child's name on the bookplate. **The Frenchman's Corner** has generously offered to provide the second prize for children: ice cream coupons!

On **June 26** the **Wildlife Center of Virginia** will continue the theme with a special program entitled "You Are What You Eat." Three performances are scheduled that day--at 10:30, 2:30, and 7:00.

On **July 10**, we will have a third major performance. "Possumologist" Doug Elliott will regale children with folktales and natural history stories centering around the Appalachians. His hilarious presentation will also be at 10:30, 2:30, and 7:00. Then on **July 29**, "Lula" (aka Jeannie Wall of the GoodLife Theater) will encourage children to read with her juggling, unicycling, eclectic performance--again three shows at 10:30, 2:30, and 7:00.



In between the main events, the library will have special **Storytimes** each Tuesday morning for toddlers, pre-school, and grade school children. On **July 15** folks from the Luck Stone Corporation will tell the children about the dinosaur tracks found at the local quarry.

The culminating events for children who complete the Summer Reading Program will be an ice cream party for the younger set, sponsored by Petersen's Jewelers and featuring entertainment by Joe Pipik and his "Backpack Puppets" and a skating party for kids in grades four and above. The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Library of Virginia and the Friends of the Culpeper County Library.



Homework Help is available! Get help with your homework from the live online tutors at Tutor.com, available from 6 - 11 p.m. nightly through your library's website at <http://tlc.library.net/culpeper>. For additional help check out our other links under School Work. There is even practice for the SOLs.

The Library offers **Bedtime Storytimes** each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. These are walk-in events suitable for the whole family. Bedtime Storytimes feature interactive storytelling, songs, and activities for pre-school and school-age children. Children are invited to wear pajamas and slippers and to bring their favorite teddy bears. The Library staff will also present one Bedtime Storytime each month as a Holiday Special.

Bedtime Storytimes are free, and registration is not required. For more information, call Diana Cmeyla or Susanna Spencer at 825-8691.

Culpeper County Library *cont'd*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE HOURS:

Monday: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

You will find books and related materials for all ages and interests. Our prices are truly a bargain. Also, look over our offerings on the bookstore shelf, located to the right as you enter the Library. Donations of new or used books are accepted during all regular library hours. If you would like to volunteer, please call Jean Harris at 829-4950. And, some of our patrons have inquired in the past, and now we can say “YES!” The Friends of the Library do have book jacket covers for sale. They have recently been put on display in the used book store. They are clear plastic, very sturdy and sold in packets for \$3.00, containing three different sizes.

While you’re in the book store, take a close look at the Friends canvas book bags. So convenient! We recommend them for carrying home all the great used books you’ll be buying.

**Don't forget Dial-a-Story at 825-0555. It's free.
The stories change each week, so be sure to call often.**



Adult Reading Program

As this article goes to press, we have not drawn our winner for the three-day, two-night vacation to the Bahamas, sponsored by the **Friends of the Library**, **Southern Hospitality** and **Battlefield Travel**. There have, however, been literally one hundred winners of fine Belgian chocolates donated by the **Frenchman’s Corner**. Also, gift certificates were donated from the **Corner Shelf Bookstore**. Many heartfelt thanks to this year’s sponsors for making the Adult Reading Program special.

The **Mid-Day Lions Club** has donated hearing and visual aids that may be checked out at the circulation desk. The library now has 1 pocket talker (hearing amplifier), 3 lighted magnifiers, and one digital magnifier. These items will be great for people to try before they may want to purchase their own or for people with a temporary disability. Come in to try out one or more of these products. And, a special thanks to the Mid-Day Lions Club for

their generosity. While you’re in the library you might want to try out our CCTV, which is great for those with macular degeneration or other low vision problems.



Third Thursday Book Discussion Groups

meet the Third Thursday of each month to discuss various books of their choosing. So if you are missing Oprah’s picks, try out our book discussion groups which meet the third Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Morningstar® Mutual Funds

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Morningstar and Value Line are both located at the Information Desk.

A Message from the Culpeper County Department of Animal Services

by Jamie Bennett, Director of Animal Services

Spring is here, and you are outside enjoying the beautiful weather. It's so nice to be pruning trees and rosebushes and to prepare your garden for planting. It sounds picture perfect, right? Wrong! Your neighbor's dog is running loose getting into the trash, a stray cat has taken up residence in your shed, and there is a skunk living under the shed. Who can you call for help?

If you have animal problems, the employees of the Culpeper County Department of Animal Services are here to assist you. If we cannot help you with your problem, we will gladly refer you to an agency or person that can assist you.

The Department of Animal Services is responsible for public safety relating to animals, enforcement of state and local animal laws and ordinances, animal welfare and protection, providing the citizens of Culpeper County with information and education concerning domestic animals, and the humane management of the County animal shelter.

We have an officer on duty at all times to assist you. We handle all calls during regular business hours and are "on-call", for emergencies only, after hours and on weekends and holidays.

When can animal control help?

Animal control can help with the following situations.

- Stray dogs or cats in your yard or neighborhood
- Violations of County leash law ordinance
- Suspected neglect or abuse of domestic animals
- Dogs killing or injuring livestock
- Dog or cat bites/scratches
- Injured or sick stray pets
- Dangerous dogs at large
- Suspected rabid wildlife
- Livestock in the roadway

Animal control *does not* handle the following situations, but can offer assistance by referring you to an agency or person that can help.

- Barking dogs
- Dead animals in roadway or on your property
- Theft of domestic pets or livestock
- Nuisance wildlife
- Nuisance Reptiles (snakes)
- Stray livestock on your property

Important Information!

With warm weather approaching, you may come in contact with unfamiliar animals, domestic and wild. Here are a few tips to keep you safe throughout the season.

- Never approach or attempt to capture wildlife. Leave this to the professionals!
- Never pick up the carcass of a wild animal with bare hands. Protect yourself by using heavy gloves or a shovel.
- Be cautious of stray domestic animals; they may be feral. Feral dogs and cats can inflict serious injury if you attempt capture. Please call animal control to borrow a live animal trap.
- If you are bitten by a dog or cat—

- ✓ Remember what the animal looked like, and who may be the owner
 - It is very important that we find the animal in question so we can place it on quarantine.

- ✓ Seek medical attention—
 - Dog/cat bites can be very serious; always seek medical attention to prevent infection.

- ✓ Contact animal control—
 - It is very important to give animal control as much information as you have regarding the animal that bit you. Animal control will attempt to locate the animal, check with its owner for current rabies inoculation, and place the animal on quarantine. The officer may meet with you to take pictures of your wound and to interview you regarding the bite.

- If your pet comes in contact with a wild animal—

- ✓ Do not chase the wild animal away!
 - It is very important that animal control have every opportunity to capture the animal in question!

- ✓ Check the last date of your pet's

rabies inoculation.

- Make sure you give animal control the last date of your pet's rabies inoculation.

- ✓ Contact animal control immediately.

- ✓ Contact your pet's veterinarian.

What all dog owners should know.

- Take your dog to the veterinarian for yearly check-ups. These check-ups can insure that your dog stays healthy and happy. They are also good reminders to update any of your pet's vaccinations that have expired.
- Keep your dog in your own yard! Do not allow your dog to roam the neighborhood. Besides being illegal and a nuisance to other neighbors, you are putting your dog at risk for becoming injured or acquiring a contagious disease.
- Be sure to provide ample food, water and shelter for your dog at all times. A doghouse and a fresh bowl of water is required for dogs that stay outside for more than a half an hour at a time.
- If you tether your dog, please be sure there are no objects around in which the tether can become entwined. State law requires that the tether be three times the length of the dog, from tip of nose to tip of tail.
- If your dog is sick or injured, you are required to take him/her to the veterinarian for treatment. Simple illnesses such as intestinal worms can cause debilitation of your dog. Also, be sure to check your dog daily for external parasites.
- Purchase your required dog licenses and put them on your dog. Not only is it required, a dog license can serve as identification should your dog become lost.

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Smallpox and Bioterrorism Preparedness – April 2003

By Lilian Peake, MD, MPH, District Health Director, Rappahannock Rapidan Health District

As our community prepares for the possibility of future bioterrorist events, understanding the history of smallpox, one of the most feared bioterrorist agents, is critical. Learning from past successes is key to controlling possible outbreaks in the future.

Smallpox disease occurred throughout the world until 1978 and was caused by a virus. People infected with the virus developed a high fever and other flu-like symptoms, followed by a severe rash. It spread person to person, but usually only to those in very close contact to an infected person, primarily those living in the same house. A vaccine was invented to prevent smallpox disease and its use in a worldwide public health effort led to the elimination of smallpox disease among people.

The smallpox virus still existed in laboratories around the world, and all but two highly secure laboratories, one in the U.S. and one in the former Soviet Union, were to destroy their stocks. This was to prevent the virus from ever being reintroduced and causing the disease to occur again. However, U.S. officials cannot verify that this happened. The probability of a reintroduction of the smallpox virus as a bioweapon is felt to be very low, but the consequences of a smallpox outbreak today would be great; so we must be prepared to respond.

A unique feature of the smallpox vaccine is that it is usually protective against developing a full-blown case of smallpox, if given within three to four days after exposure to the disease. Vaccinating people exposed to the disease during an outbreak can prevent them from getting sick and can control the spread to others.

In the effort to be prepared for possible terrorist attacks, a voluntary smallpox vaccination program is being reintroduced in the United States. Currently, the program is being limited to the people who would be at greatest risk of coming in contact with someone infected with the virus: military personnel, healthcare workers and first responders. Vaccination is not recommended for the general public at this time, because the smallpox vaccine is not as safe as the other vaccines in routine use today. In the event of a smallpox outbreak, however, all persons possibly exposed to the disease would be encouraged to be vaccinated, as the consequences of getting the disease would outweigh possible risks.

Hundreds in Virginia have stepped up to the plate and have already been vaccinated. The vaccination program will continue throughout the summer. These volunteers will be on the frontlines, available to take care of us and to vaccinate others should the need ever arise.

For more information about smallpox, the vaccine and the vaccination program, visit www.vdh.state.va.us **As always, knowledge and education is your best prevention!**

Culpeper County Department of Health 540-829-7350 640 Laurel Street

Culpeper County Department of Animal Services *continued from page 17*

County Code Chapter 4 Article IV.

§4-31 Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own a dog four (4) months old or older in this County, unless such dog is currently licensed pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

- Always walk your dog on a leash.

County Code, Chapter 4 Article V.

§4-70 Dogs Running at Large

(a)No dogs shall run at large in the County. Any person, after having been notified by any person, animal control officer, or other officer of the law that the dog is running at large in the county, shall be in violation of this section. For the purposes of this section, a dog shall be deemed to be "running at large": when off the property or premises of its owner, possessor or custodian and not under the control of the owner, possessor or custodian, either by leash, cord or chain.

(b)This section shall not apply to any dog or pack of dogs, or any dog owner, possessor or custodian while engaged in (1) law enforcement operations or training, (2) search and rescue operations or training for such activity by the

members of any agency or organization recognized by the county as a bona fide search and rescue operation, (3) lawful hunting and dog retrieval as provided in Title 29.1 and § 18.2-136 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, or any field trial authorized by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, or any lawful training for hunting or field trials, or (4) any formally organized dog show or competition, or any training in obedience or in preparation for any show or competition.

(c)This section shall not apply in any Agricultural and Forestal district created pursuant to Article 8E of the Culpeper County Zoning Ordinance.

- In warm weather leave your dog home! Dogs left in vehicles during warm weather are subject to heat exhaustion and/or death.
- Have your dog spayed or neutered. Not only will your dog have a longer life, you will not be adding to the number of homeless

dogs euthanized each year.

- Love your dog! Dogs are pack animals and need companionship. Dogs that are left isolated day after day without human companionship will become aggressive! A quick pat at feeding time will not suffice! Take time to play with your dog daily to give him/her exercise and to keep him mentally stable.

Should you have any questions regarding local and State animal laws or other animal issues, please feel free to contact the Culpeper County Department of Animal Services at 540-547-4477. Should you have an after-hours animal emergency, you can reach an animal control officer by calling 540-727-3400.

Culpeper County Department of Animal Services 547-4477